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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The provisional agenda for the third session of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development was adopted by the Preparatory Committee at its second session in September 1994.

Item 2. Accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in decision 2 of the Preparatory Committee

At its second session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 2/2 C concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations, in which it noted with satisfaction that a large number of non-governmental organizations had been accredited to the Preparatory Committee and expressed its appreciation for the contributions that those organizations were making to the preparatory process of the Summit. The Committee also encouraged national and international non-governmental organizations to continue to extend their active participation to the preparatory process and follow-up of the Summit.

A number of non-governmental organizations have requested accreditation to the Summit and its preparatory process and the Secretariat has evaluated those requests and made recommendations for consideration by the third session of the Preparatory Committee.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on accreditation of non-governmental organizations in accordance with the rules for their participation set out in Preparatory Committee decision 2 (A/CONF.166/PC/11/Add.2)

Item 3. Status of the preparations for the World Summit for Social Development

(a) Trust Fund

(b) Public information programmes

At its second session, the Preparatory Committee adopted decision 2/2 A on the Trust Fund for the World Summit for Social Development, recalling General Assembly resolution 47/92 of 16 December 1992, in which the Assembly invited the Secretary-General to establish a trust fund for the World Summit for Social Development to mobilize voluntary contributions from public and private sources for the financing of the additional activities required by the preparations for and the holding of the Summit, including the regional preparatory meetings, and for the financing of the participation of the least developed countries in the Summit and its preparatory process. The Committee noted that contributions to the Trust Fund had been received from 12 States, and urged all States, public and private organizations and individuals to contribute generously to the Trust Fund. Updated information on the Trust Fund has been prepared by the Secretariat.

At the same session, the Committee noted with appreciation the activities undertaken by the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat in disseminating information on the Summit and its objectives and issues, and the media strategy proposed by the Department. The Committee also noted the active involvement of the United Nations information centres in undertaking special promotional activities and the implementation of the information programme and media strategy. The Preparatory Committee encouraged the Secretariat to continue its efforts in bringing the Summit to the attention of the widest possible audience and all organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to include the Summit and its objectives in their public information activities. The Secretariat has prepared updated information on the public information programme for the Summit.

The Committee, by its decision 2/2 B concerning symposia, seminars and workshops, noted the activities undertaken by the Secretariat in preparation for the Summit, including, inter alia, the organization of symposia, seminars and workshops on issues of direct relevance to the Summit. It further noted the symposia, seminars and workshops organized by other entities of the United Nations system, Governments, non-governmental organizations and other public and private organizations, and expressed its appreciation for their contributions to the overall process of preparation for and follow-up to the Summit.

A Symposium on Social Development was organized by the State Planning Commission of China, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Secretariat for the World Summit for Social Development. It took place in Beijing from 7 to 9 October 1994. The Secretariat will transmit the report of that meeting to the Preparatory Committee at its third session.

A Seminar on the Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Social Progress was organized by the United Nations Secretariat for the World Summit for Social Development in Bled, Slovenia, from 28 to 30 October 1994. The report of that meeting will also be transmitted to the Committee at its third session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat on the status of preparations for the World Summit for Social Development, including the status of the Trust Fund and public information programme (A/CONF.166/PC/25)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Symposium on Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/26)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Seminar on the Ethical and Spiritual Dimensions of Social Progress (A/CONF.166/PC/27)

Item 4. Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action

The Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, at its second session, decided to request the Chairman and the Bureau to organize inter-sessional informal consultations, with the participation of all States,

during October 1994. The subjects of those informal consultations would be the declaration and programme of action. In the same decision, the Committee requested the Secretariat to prepare a revised draft programme of action for the third session of the Committee, drawn from the inter-sessional consultations and from the discussions held during the second session of the Preparatory Committee and the documents which served as a basis for those discussions. The Committee further requested the Chairman to continue consultations with all interested States and regional organizations on the draft declaration, and on the basis of those consultations, to submit a draft declaration for negotiations during the third session of the Committee. The Chairman of the Preparatory Committee has prepared a draft declaration and the Secretariat a draft programme of action for consideration by the Preparatory Committee at its third session.

In its decision 2/2 B, adopted at its second session, the Committee noted with appreciation the supportive activities undertaken at the regional level, notably by the regional commissions. It also encouraged the United Nations, the United Nations system, Governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations and institutes to continue their initiatives to support the preparation for the Summit, including seminars, workshops and symposia. The Secretariat will transmit their contributions to the Committee at its third session.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General entitled "Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development: draft declaration and draft programme of action" (A/CONF.166/PC/L.22)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting contributions of organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to the World Summit for Social Development (A/CONF.166/PC/20/Add.12 et seq.)

Item 5. Provisional agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development

At its second session, the Preparatory Committee held informal discussions on the agenda and organization of work of the World Summit for Social Development. Based on discussions and consultations to be held during the third session of the Committee on the subject, the Secretariat will prepare and submit to the Committee for its consideration a draft agenda and organization of work of the Summit.

Item 6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee

A report on the third session of the Preparatory Committee will be prepared and adopted at the end of that session for transmission to the World Summit.